

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of digital audio programs to be recorded;

selecting means for selecting a digital audio program from said plurality of digital audio programs stored in said storage means;

reading-out means for reading out the selected digital audio program from said storage section;

reproducing means for reproducing the read-out digital audio program;

erasure directing means for directing an erasure of the reproduced digital audio program; and

a control section for controlling erasing said digital audio program stored in said storage section when said erasure directing means directs said erasure of said reproduced digital audio program during the reproducing of said digital audio program selected by said selecting means.,

wherein said control section operates so that, if a digital audio program being read out from the storage section is shorter than a pre-set value, the digital audio program being read out from said storage section is read out in its entirety from said storage section and so that, if subsequently an input for erasure is again entered from the erasure directing means, the digital audio program being read

out from the storage section is erased from the storage section.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein said control section operates so that if, when the digital audio program written in said storage section is read out therefrom, an input for erasure is entered by said erasure directing means, the digital audio program read out from said storage section is read out a pre-set number of time.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The A recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 1 comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of digital audio programs to be recorded;

selecting means for selecting a digital audio program from said plurality of digital audio programs stored in said storage means;

reading-out means for reading out the selected digital audio program from said storage section;

reproducing means for reproducing the read-out digital audio program;

erasure directing means for directing an erasure of the reproduced digital audio program; and

a control section for controlling erasing said digital audio program stored in said storage section when said erasure directing means directs said erasure of said reproduced digital audio program during the reproducing of said digital audio program selected by said selecting means,

wherein said control section operates so that, if the digital audio program being read out from said storage section is longer than a pre-set value, a leading portion and a trailing portion of the digital audio program read out from said storage section are read out from said storage section and so that, if subsequently an input for erasure is again entered from said erasure directing means, the digital signal being read out from said storage section is erased therefrom.

Claims 5-28 (Canceled)

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) The recording and/or reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 4 wherein said control section operates so that if, when the digital audio program written ~~inn~~ in said storage section is read out therefrom, an input for erasure is entered by said erasure directing means, the digital audio program read out from said storage section is read out a pre-set number of times on end.

Claim 30 (Canceled)